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# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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## BOARD OF FINANCE

ROBERT K. PAGANI  
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MARK A. JOYSE  
BARRY C. PINTO

## BUDGET DELIBERATIONS TUESDAY JUNE 21, 2005

**BOARD OF FINANCE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert K. Pagani-Chairman,  
Richard J. Cleary, Robert J. Clements, Vaughn E. Gerber, Mark A. Joyse, Barry C. Pinto

**OTHERS PRESENT:** N. DiCorleto-Fin Off, D. Milanovich-First Sel, L. Miller, M. Stupinski, P. Charter-Selectmen, P. Michaud-DPW Dir, R. Tedford-P&R Dir, S. Phillips-Library Dir, R. Packman-Supt, D. Roberson-Chmn BOE, M. Blanchette-BOE, W. Konieczny-Sgt, G. Daigle, J. Strieber-EVAC, D. Wright-CLFD, M. Varney, J. Turner, V. Gambacorta, D. Varney-EVFD, R. Thiesing, Several Residents, Journal Inquirer reporter.

### Budget Deliberations

Chairman Robert Pagani opened the deliberations at 8:11 pm. In his opening statement he stated that over a five year period, the Town budget increase has been less than the consumer price index. This year will also be less than the CPI after the cuts taken tonight.

The following expenditure reductions were listed:

Account 330 Police	10,000
Account 410 DPW Overtime	35,000
Account 435 Parks Maint Fertilizer	19,500
Account 435 Parks Maint Supplies/Equip	24,000
Account 540 Parks & Recreation	40,000
1100 EVFD Capital Impr Water Shuttle	11,500
1200 Board of Education	<u>300,000</u>
	440,000

This brings the increase to .6 mills, which is less than 1 mill.

There is a decrease in revenue of \$20,000 due to Parks & Recreation receipts not realized from the cut to their operating budget.

**MOTION (JOYSE) SECONDED (PINTO) TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE  
REDUCTIONS AND REVENUE DECREASE ABOVE.**

Several residents stated that even though they have children in the school system, they voted no the first two and some three times, because they felt the budget was too high.

Mr. Miller felt that the Board of Finance should not cut more than \$250,000; any more is rewarding those who voted against the budget.

**MOTION (JOYSE) SECONDED (CLEMENTS) TO REDUCE ACCOUNT 795  
SENIOR CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.**

Mr. Joyse presented a general budget cut to the Senior Center in the amount of \$10,000 which would leave them with a 9.81% increase. Mr. Milanovich stated that the increase is due to increased space which they are leasing and the utilities associated with it. Several residents spoke out against the \$10,000 cut to the Senior Center

**VOTE ON MOTION: AYES: JOYSE, CLEMENTS  
NAYS: GERBER, CLEARY, PINTO, PAGANI  
MOTION DEFEATED.**

**MOTION (CLEARY) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED TO REDUCE THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BUDGET BY \$2,000.**

Mr. Cleary felt that as chairman of the commission, the EDC had enough items on their agenda, that they would probably not use this money this year.

**MOTION (CLEARY) SECONDED (CLEMENTS) TO REDUCE ACCOUNT 420  
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.**

**VOTE ON MOTION: AYES: CLEARY  
NAYS: PINTO, PAGANI, CLEMENTS, GERBER,  
JOYSE  
MOTION DEFEATED.**

**MOTION (CLEARY) TO CUT ACCOUNT 310 CENTER FIRE DEPT \$5,000.  
NOONE SECONDED, MOTION DIED.**

**MOTION (CLEARY) TO REDUCE ACCOUNT 140 TOWN CLERK BY \$7,000.  
NOONE SECONDED, MOTION DIED.**

**MOTION (CLEARY) SECONDED (JOYSE) TO REDUCE ACCOUNT 430  
STREET SIGNS BY \$4,000.**

**VOTE ON MOTION: AYES: CLEARY**

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LESS FEDERAL/STATE/TRUST FUNDS  
STATE GRANT-CLS WELLS (55%)  
STATE GRANT-LOCIP  
AMBULANCE FEE PROGRAM

145,750
99,695
<u>160,000</u>
405,445
\$ 627,877

NET COST TO TOWN

**Adjournment**

**MOTION (JOYSE) SECONDED (CLEARY) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:05.**

Submitted by Lori Smith Lori Smith, Clerk